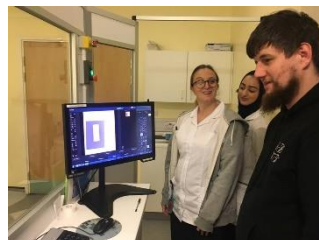
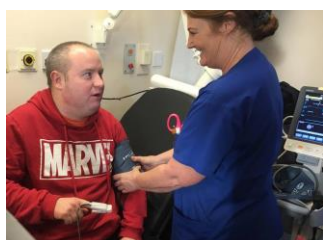


Welcome to our 4th newsletter

We have a lot to report on for this period. We have had a busy few months with additional activities added to our regular popular sessions. Also, we welcome Agnieszka (Aggi) Chudobska and Emma-Jane Young, two new support workers who have recently joined our team.

In January and February, the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary welcomed our second and third group of attendees for the hospital tour. Our previous visit in October last year as part of our Health and Wellbeing sessions was a huge success and these visits were no exception. Our attendees had a fantastic time visiting a range of departments including A&E and X-Ray and thoroughly enjoyed finding out about all the different equipment and what it's used for. All our attendees and staff at STEPScic thanked all staff at Royal Albert Edward Infirmary for a fantastic experience.



January also saw our attendees visit Manchester airport, the unique experience of boarding Concorde was enjoyed by a group of our attendees. They were able to discover more about the aircraft and had the opportunity of sitting in the luxurious leather seats where Royalty and celebrities once sat. As well as the tour, our attendees were able to see other aircraft like 'The Nimrod' and 'The Trident' as well as having

fantastic views of planes taking off. We would like to thank The Runway Visitor Park at Manchester Airport for a thoroughly enjoyable experience and will be looking forward to visiting again soon.





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A stunning 5 mile safari drive and foot safari awaited a group of our attendees in February at Knowsley Safari Park. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed viewing a wide range of animals and it was a fantastic opportunity for some of the photography group to take some stunning photographs of wild animals.



We have more outings planned, our next one is a trip to Anfield. The trip will include tour of the Liverpool FC stadium. We'll go behind the scenes inside one of the world's most iconic and historic stadiums, we will be visiting the new interactive and immersive LFC Stadium Tour. As part of our visit we will also experience The LFC Story and The Steven Gerrard Collection. One to look forward to.



Having taking inspiration from the paper dresses created by the Manchester artist Susan Stockwell and the American wardrobe designer Jennifer Lynn, our attendees have created their own piece of wearable art. Each attendee had worked hard to create individual origami pieces using old maps, that were then brought together to create a fantastic, eye catching paper dress. Well done to all attendees who participated in these workshops, their achievement certainly wouldn't look out of place on a catwalk or in a fashion magazine.



We even made headline news in the Wigan Post as our Social Media post caught the eye of a reporter, this resulted in a visit from the Wigan post reporter and photographer who then highlighted the great achievement of all attendees involved, a huge well done to all as the article went on to say:



" Step aside Versace - adults at a Wigan learning disability service have created an eye-catching ball gown made from paper airplanes as part of a new art initiative. A team of men attending Steps CIC in Ince, have fashioned a masterpiece fit for the catwalk made solely from paper darts and "chatterboxes" - those origami fortune-teller creations so beloved of the playground.

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Our textiles workshops over the last couple of weeks have focused on the art of batik. Having been inspired by the work of Christina Szabo we have developed our batik using the theme of exotic birds. Our attendees have demonstrated good precision in applying wax and ink which has resulted in beautiful, colourful paintings on cloth. We are very proud that we have been able to turn these fabrics into cushions.



Also, as part of our textile workshop sessions our attendees have recently been introduced to using a sewing machine. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and for their first achievement had each made a small pin cushion. They are currently now working on a small bag and we look forward to seeing the finished products very soon.



In our fully equipped wood workshop, our attendees access a real-life work experience. Some fantastic products are being created whilst attendees develop a variety of skills and knowledge. We are very proud of their progress and their outcomes show their range of achievements. A huge well done to everyone for all their hard work.

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Shrove Tuesday was celebrated by our attendees making some delicious pancakes. Lots of fun was had

showcasing our pancake tossing skills as well as choosing and preparing our toppings. Well done to Steven, Paul and Jason they looked and tasted fantastic.



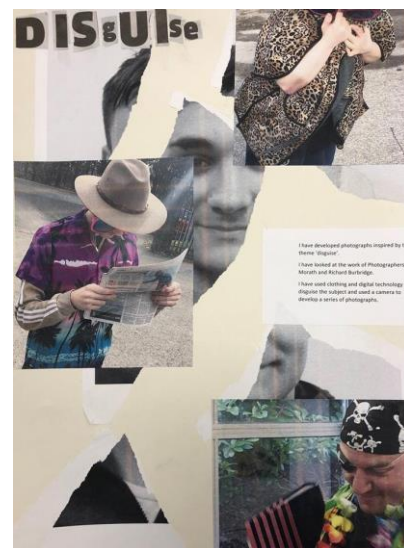
Our football team are working hard to develop their skills through training drills and were able to showcase these in the game at the end. A huge congratulations goes to Jack for being awarded man of the match and a well done to everyone for displaying fantastic team camaraderie.



Photography Group



An exploration of the theme 'Disguise' inspired our photography group to focus on celebrities and the paparazzi. We had lots of fun using clothing as a means of creating our own disguised celebrity whilst our cameras focused on getting that headline grabbing shot. We captured some fantastic photographs selecting just a few to present with some excellent results.



As you can see we have had a busy fun filled few months and we are sure the next newsletter will be just as interesting. We have so much more to look forward to and plan. We have the trip to Anfield, we have Easter celebrations coming up in April. Fishing season starts and we already have our rod license at the ready.

Very soon we will be planning our annual Open Award evening ceremony. This will surely be another great event to celebrate the achievements of our attendees on their chosen award/s. We will keep you all updated.

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